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### Letter from Alexander Whitney, New Orleans, Louisiana, to Edward Whitney, Boston, Massachusetts, 1838 February 28

Alexander Whitney

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New Orleans Feby-24<sup>th</sup>

You will see from my letter to Ann: that I have been absent from NO which accounts for your not hearing from me before this - I have nothing in particular to say!

On the subject of the Branch I had heard something previous to your letter: and it was <sup>not by A.C.L.</sup> suggested, that possibly you might be sent. Nothing would be more agreeable to me who am doomed to ~~live~~ south for several years at least than to see you here in good business - to say nothing of other things - But do not give up certainties for uncertainties - N England is on the whole the best place to live in any how you can fix it: and in the long run more money can be made there as I believe - of this you can be the best judge - While Aunt Stone lives you will find a home here: and while your ~~correns~~ remain unmarried some thing as near a kin to sisters as can be: this is the other side of the question: If the choice should come up do not give up your present prospects at home without a larger & better one here: I would say something about



Texas but have no time: Next week I may go up the river; or to Pensacola on business which will pay my expenses; I make it a rule to travel all I can whether I make anything or not: it agrees with my health; I traded some in Texas on commission: lost nothing but my time and came out better by a suit of clothes: Yrs truly Alex.

Dear John

I shant go to England with Capt B unless I can make some cash by it: Sea voyages are good for the sick: Yesterday was Carnival day I never was more amused - A long procession of masks - One with a head as big as a bushel basket on a pole - One in character of Don Quixote with the damdest looking horse for a Rosinante that you ever saw - One in the shape of a rooster: head, tail, feathers and all - One with two faces before & behind: One or two carried a bag of meal to sprinkle the spectators &c. &c. the whole city on the broad grin.

I shall write to Jas. as soon as I hear his address - What is the matter? Has the Devil set his foot against him as well as against me?

Glad to hear that you clear expenses this year  
Ois more than they do here any how -  
Keep up good pluck & go a head -

The weather is delightful - Spring has commenced - I luxuriate - Aunt wants me to marry the young Jew - rich: Come and try the adventure yourself!

Yours to the Back Bone

Alex<sup>r</sup> Whitney of Texas



Mr. Edward Whitney  
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Boston

Feb 1686

